

Sec. 9. The Judge or Judges of any Court may appoint such officers for their respective Courts as may be found necessary, and it shall be the duty of the General Assembly to prescribe by law a fixed compensation for all such officers.

Sec. 10. The Clerks of the several Courts created or continued by this Constitution, shall have charge and custody of the records and other papers, shall perform all the duties, and be allowed the fees, which appertain to their several offices, as the same now are, or may hereafter be regulated by law. And the office and business of said Clerks, in all their departments, shall be subject to the visitatorial power of the Judges of their respective Courts, who shall exercise the same from time to time, so as to insure the faithful performance of the duties of said Officers; and it shall be the duty of the Judges of said Courts respectively to make from time to time such rules and regulations as may be necessary and proper for the government of said Clerks and for the performance of the duties of their offices, which shall have the force of law until repealed or modified by the General Assembly.

Sec. 11. The election for Judges hereinbefore provided, and all elections for Clerks, Registers of Wills and other officers provided in the Constitution, except State Attorneys, shall be certified, and the returns made, by the Clerks of the Circuit Courts of the counties, and the proper Clerk of the "Supreme Court of Baltimore City," respectively, to the Governor, who shall issue commissions to the different persons for the offices to which they shall have been respectively elected; and in all such elections, the person having the greatest number of votes, shall be declared to be elected.

Sec. 12. If in any case of election for Judges, Clerks of the Courts of Law, and Registers of Wills, the opposing candidates shall have an equal number of votes, it shall be the duty of the Governor to order a new election; and in case of any contested election, the Governor shall send the returns to the House of Delegates, who shall judge of the election and qualification of the candidates at such election.

Sec. 13. All public commissions and grants shall run thus: "The State of Maryland, &c.," and shall be signed by the Governor, with the seal of the State annexed and; all writ and process shall run in the same style, and be tested, sealed and signed as heretofore, or as may hereafter be provided by law; and all indictments shall conclude, "against the peace, government and dignity of the State."

PART II—COURT OF APPEALS.

Sec. 14. The Court of Appeals shall be composed of the Chief Judges of the several Judicial Circuits of the State,